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## Corps closing Clarkston Greenbelt trails to make improvements

**Clarkston, Wash.** - The Clearwater-Snake River National Recreation Trail here will be closed to the public starting Monday (Sept. 11) so that construction work can be done to make improvements, according to a natural resources official from the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"This portion of the trail will be closed so that our construction contractors can improve it for our visitors," said Dawn Wiedmeier, natural resources manager for the Corps office here. "The trail surface has become broken and uneven along this nearly two-mile section causing problems for hikers, joggers, bicyclists and rollerbladers. We're going to fix that by getting rid of the emerging tree roots that have grown up through the trail in many places and then repave the surface."

Construction officials will put up barricades to close the trail at Nave's recreation area by Riverside Drive northward to the Greenbelt boat ramp by the Blue Bridge. Chestnut Beach, popularly known as the "Old Clarkston Beach" will also be closed during the construction work. The Hewitt Construction Co., Enterprise, Ore., will be making the repairs to the trail. The Corps expects the job, estimated at approximately \$120,000, to take about three weeks.

"We understand that this temporary closure will inconvenience some of our visitors for a short period. We ask people to please understand that by doing this work the Corps will improve the recreation experience and better provide for the visiting public's safety," said Wiedmeier.

For more information about this project, call the Corps' natural resources office here at (509) 751-0240.

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